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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED PORTUGUESE IMPORT SURCHARGE WITH MINISTER OF EXTERNAL TRADE SILVA LOPES JUNE 12. USG PRESENTATION ALONG LINES PARAS 1 AND 2 REFTEL. GIVEN FACT THAT GOP HAS ALREADY NOTIFIED GATT AND OECD, WE DREW ON LAST PART PARA 3 NOTING USEFULNESS OF OECD CONSULTATIONS.

2. SILVA LOPES APPEARED SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT USG WOULD EXPRESS ANY REGRETS ABOUT SURCHARGE IMPOSITION. HE NOTED
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THAT USG WAS FIRST COUNTRY EXPRESS ANY COMMENT OF THIS

NATURE ADDING THAT PORTUGAL'S CLOSE TRADE PARTNERS, EEC AND EFTA, HAD ACCEPTED SURCHARGE WITHOUT COMMENT. HE SAID THEY ALL RECOGNIZED "SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES" OF PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC SITUATION. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT U.S. TRADING INTERESTS LESS AFFECTED THAN MOST OTHER COUNTRIES. FINALLY, HE NOTED THAT MANY IN GOP ARE COMPLAINING THAT SURCHARGE MEASURE IS TOO WEAK.

3. DURING DISCUSSION MINISTER SPECIFICALLY ASKED WHY U.S. REGRETTED SURCHARGE GIVEN THE SLIGHT EFFECT ON U.S. TRADE. WE ONCE AGAIN MENTIONED RATIONALE IN PARA 1.

4. SILVA LOPES SEEMED TO AGREE THAT CONSULTATIONS WITHIN OECD WOULD BE USEFUL AND THOUGH THAT THE SECRETARIAT WAS STUDYING PROCEDURES.

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